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SUBJ: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: STATE 83346

1. I CALLED ON MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTRY SEC GEN BEZAZA MAY 4 AS FOLLOW- UP TO PREVIOUS APPROACHES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING SUPPORT OF POSTPONEMENT OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP. I REVIEWED WITH HIM ARGUMENTS FOR POSTPONEMENT AS FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS QUESTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. HE SAID HE WAS SURE HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE POSITION WHICH IT FELT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SETTLEMENT OF KOREAN PROBLEM. WHILE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS ASSURANCE OF MALAGASY SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION, OUR ARGUMENT ABOUT KEEPING KOREAN DEBATE OUT OF INTERNATIONAL FORUM IN ORDER LET TWO PARTIES WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES BILATERALLY MAY BE BEST ONE WE HAVE WITH MALAGASY.
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3. I REMINDED BEAZA THAT WHA STARTS ON MONDAY, MAY 7, AND QUESTION NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION WILL PRESUMABLY ARISE EARLY DURING MEETING. HOWEVER, SINCE MALAGASY DELEGATION MAY BE LEFT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS OR GIVEN DISCRETION ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ASSESSMENT OF POSITION OF OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN, SUGGEST THAT U. S. DELEGATION ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH MALAGASY DELEGATION ON THIS QUESTION, USING ARGUMENT REFERRED TO IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.

4. MADAGASCAR PRESSE (OFFICIAL DAILY NEWS BULLETIN) OF MAY 4 CONTAINS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BHLNRI RANDRIANASOLO- RAVONY, SEC GEN MINISTRY SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND DRHR HUBERT RAVELOJAONA, HEAD OF HOSPITAL AT TJVEAR, LEFT TANANARIVE MAY 3 TO REPRESENT MADAGASCAR AT 26 TH WHA. ACAORDING THIS ARTICLE, RANDRIANASOLO- RAVONY SAID THAT THIS IS " PURELY TECHNICAL MEETING". THIS

POINT COULD ALSO BE PLAYED ON IN DISCUSSING WITH KOREAN

APPLICATION WITH HIM.

5. WOULD ALSO SUGGEST U. S. DELEGATION CHECK WITH MALAGASY DELEGATION SUPPORT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL' S RESOLUTION ON 25 PER- CENT MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO WHO. DESPITE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT THAT INSTRUCTIONS OF SUPPORT WOULD BE GIVEN DELEGATION (TANANARIVE 0594), OUR EXPERIENCE IN OTHER INSTANCES WOULD INDICATE THAT INSTRUCTIONS MAY NOT BE ALL THAT PRECISE, AND MAY INSTEAD LEAVE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISCRETION TO DELEGATION.

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